

# **Graduation of 79 PLUS (Purposeful Living Units Serve) participants at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility.**

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Carlisle, Indiana-The spirit of community service at its best was displayed today, during the graduation of 79 PLUS (Purposeful Living Units Serve) participants at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility.

A major project for the faith and character based housing unit involves making quilts for Indiana families who lost a loved one in Afghanistan or Iraq.

99 quilts were presented to representatives of the United States Army during a special ceremony at the maximum-security facility. The U.S. Army will now help distribute the memorial quilts.

A Military Honor Guard out of Stout Field, Indianapolis performed a flag folding ceremony and presentation to Indiana Department of Correction Religious/Community Services Director Stephen Hall.

The U.S. Army flag presentation came in recognition of the many community service hours involved in making the military themed memorial quilts.

Materials used to make the quilts were donated by PLUS community volunteers Dutch and Kathy Gunion of Fairbanks, Indiana in cooperation with Cloth World of Terre Haute.

The red, white and blue quilts include the soldier's name, branch of service, unit and campaign served.

Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner J. David Donahue said PLUS program participants are fulfilling their mission of community service. "I appreciate their efforts to reach out to community in such a compassionate manner. We are proud to part of this project to pay tribute to our fallen soldiers and show our respect to their families."

Today marked the second graduating class from PLUS. 78 completed the first 16 month program this past March.

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